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KISSINGER'S UN SPEECH

1. SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH PREPARED FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION IN THE TURKISH MEDIA OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWS CARRIED AN AP STORY ON PAGE 6 IN ITS WEDNESDAY (SEPT. 3) EDITIONS. TRT TV NEWS TUESDAY NIGHT REPORTED ONLY THAT SPECIAL SESSION OF UN HAD BEGUN WORK ON ECONOMIC MATTERS.

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2. THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE SINAI PACT

MOST PAPERS WEDNESDAY GAVE HEAVY FRONT PAGE PLAY TO WIRE SERVICE STORIES REGARDING THE SINAI ACCORD BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. SOME HEADLINES: HURRIYET: "PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST PURCHASED FOR 3 BILLION DOLLARS." GUNAYDIN: "EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT DISCLOSED: 'PRESIDENT FORD IS READY TO TALK WITH PALESTINIAN LEADERS.'" MILLIYET: "THE WEST IS PLEASED WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT."

3. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, HURRIYET'S UNSIGNED EDITORIAL ASSERTED THAT DESPITE ACCORD NO ONE IS ABLE TO SAY PROBLEM IS SOLVED. "AS FOR U.S., WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE AS MEDIATOR, SHE HAS OPENED HER PURSE...TO SATISFY BOTH PARTIES." IT WENT ON TO SAY THAT "ANWAR SADAT IS FINISHED... THE ARAB WORLD NO LONGER HAS A STRONG SPOKESMAN OR EVEN A LEADER NOW. ON THE OTHER HAND, ISRAELI REACTION IS WORSE."

4. MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI, IN A FRONT PAGE COMMENTARY, PRAISED EFFORTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND WHAT HE CALLED THE REALISTIC ATTITUDES OF SADAT AND RABIN. CONCLUDING HIS EDITORIAL HE SAID "...ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH MAY AFFECT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE ATTITUDE TO BE ASSUMED BY THE SOVIET UNION. IT IS KNOWN THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE SOVIETS WHILE FURTHERING HIS PEACE EFFORTS IN THE REGION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE PRESENT AT THE GENEVA CEREMONIES. THEREFORE, APPROVAL OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT BY THE SOVIETS MAY AFFECT PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST POSITIVELY."

5. COLUMNIST ALI SIRMAN, WRITING IN LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET, SAID, "THOSE WHO THINK THAT ISRAEL MADE SERIOUS CONCESSIONS BY SIGNING THE AGREEMENT, IN MY VIEW, ARE MISTAKEN. FOR, THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES PARALLEL TO THE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT, GUARANTEES ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE AND SECURITY..." SIRMAN CONTINUES THAT THE US'S NEW TIES TO ISRAEL MAY ENCOURAGE IT (THE UNITED STATES) TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS POSITION AND MEDDLE IN THE MID-EAST TO PROTECT ITS NEW INTERESTS."

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